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Testimony on H.B. 6491: AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS

Subject: Support H.B. 6491

Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to support **H.B. 6491** based on the following:

- 1) The SCOTUS ruled in *Caetano vs. Massachusetts* that the Second Amendment extends to all instruments that constitute “bearable arms” and the Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the States.
- 2) The SCOTUS in the *District of Columbia v. Heller* ruling, defined “bearable arms” to include any weapon that is carried for the purpose of offensive or defensive action. Due to this ruling, this would include nonlethal electronic defense weapons.

I hope that you will consider these reasons and support this bill.

Best regards,

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